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TO: IMMEDIATE WHITE HOUSE//SITUATION ROOM FOR MR FAZIO,
STATE RCI//INFO OPS CTR FOR MR FRY, NMCC//ATTENTION CIA REP,
TREASURY DEPT//INFO [REDACTED] 25X1A9a
WARNING NOTICE SENSITIVE INTELLIGENCE SOURCES AND METHODS
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SUBJECT: CONCENTRATION OF ARMOR IN ADDIS ABABA

REF :

[REDACTED]

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A LARGE [REDACTED] FORCE OF TANKS AND SUPPORTING INFANTRY FROM THE
THIRD DIVISION IN [REDACTED] EASTERN ETHIOPIA WAS MOVED INTO ADDIS [REDACTED] ABABA
THIS MORNING. THE FORCE WAS DEPLOYED AROUND A PALACE IN WHICH
THE TRIALS OF [REDACTED] DETAINED ARISTOCRATS AND
FORMER OFFICIALS WILL BEGIN SHORTLY. SOME OF THE PRISONERS REPORTEDLY
WERE MOVED RECENTLY TO THE PALACE FROM FOURTH DIVISION HEADQUARTERS
WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN HELD SINCE THEIR ARRESTS.

THE ARMED FORCES COORDINATING COMMITTEE HAS ALSO DECIDED TO
MOVE [REDACTED] HEADQUARTERS TO THE PALACE AND FELT THE NEED FOR

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ADDITIONAL SECURITY AROUND THE COMPOUND. THE ARMOR POWER CON-
CENTRATION, HOWEVER, IS IN EXCESS OF WHAT IS NEEDED TO PROTECT
THE AREA. THE MODERATES WHO PRESENTLY CONTROL THE COORDINATING
COMMITTEE APPARENTLY WANTED TO OVERAWE THEIR OPPONENTS. THE
MODERATES ARE CONCERNED THAT SUPPORTERS OF THE ARISTOCRATS MIGHT
INSTIGATE DISORDERS DURING THE TRIALS; THEY ALSO FEAR THE POTENTIAL
FOR TROUBLEMAKING BY THEIR RADICAL OPPONENTS IN THE MILITARY--
ALTHOUGH THIS GROUP CAME OUT SECOND BEST IN RECENT CONFRONTATIONS
WITH THE MODERATES.

ADDIS ABABA REMAINED CALM THROUGHOUT THE DAY. CANVAS COVERS
ARE STILL ON THE GUNS AROUND THE PALACE, AND THERE IS NO SIGN
OF IMPENDING MILITARY ACTION. E2 IMPDET.H 25X1A9a

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